(*d*) It is understood that a majority of the inhabitants are affected with enlargement of the spleen.

(*e*) It is understood that there are some people who did not suffer from malaria.

Enquiry into petitions by police constables.

217. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a rule that constables should not be deputed to enquire into petitions received in the Police Station ; and

(*b*) whether there are Inspectors who act contrary to this ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, may I answer that question in the absence of the Police Commissioner ?

President: Yes.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) None, ordinarily.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With regard to the answer to part (*b*) it is stated "none, ordinarily." May I know whether in extraordinary cases Police Constables are allowed to enquire into petitions ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Under exceptional circumstances it may have to be done.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the exceptional circumstances ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I may point out that the answers to these questions are supplied by the Traffic Superintendent of Police and there is no meaning in the Chief Secretary's claiming notice. The Superintendent of Police ought to have been here to answer the supplementary questions since the answers are supplied by him.

President: The Superintendent of Police is absent on account of his ill-health over which he has no control and he has been permitted to be absent.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Then the Chief Secretary should have taken instructions from him.

President: Even in other questions also, Government members do say "I want notice." So it is not a surprise in this one case.

Expenses in connection with the circuits of departmental heads.

218. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the expenses of the subordinates of departmental heads, on circuit of inspection, are met by the officers of the respective places and whether the former receive presents from the latter ;

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(*b*) whether the departmental heads usually examine the vouchers given to them during circuits to see whether they are correct:

(*c*) whether the authorities concerned make it a point to enquire how and whence the subordinates who are with officers on very long Jamabandi inspections, etc., get grand feasts and presents; and

(*d*) whether it is the poor ryot of the country who has ultimately to bear these unnecessary expenses?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) The questions do not arise in view of the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) above.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ് മേധാവികൾ സർക്യൂട്ടായി ഓരോ സ്ഥലത്തു ചെല്ലുമ്പോൾ ആതാതു സ്ഥലത്തെ കീഴുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അടുക്കൽനിന്നാണോ സാമാനങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങുന്നതു്? അതല്ലാ അവർ തന്നത്താനെ വാങ്ങിക്കുകയാണോ ചെയ്യുന്നതു്?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: രണ്ടുവിധത്തിലും നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

President: What is the meaning of the word "direct", by going to the market themselves?

Have Government any information on these matters?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No, Sir.

President: And can Government say that there are certain rules on the matter regarding supplies of vouchers?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: There are no rules, Sir.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: കീഴ്ജീവനക്കാരെക്കൊണ്ടു സാമാനങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങിപ്പിച്ചു് അവരുടെ പക്കൽ നിന്നും വരുച്ചർ വാങ്ങുന്നതു് സാക്ഷാലുള്ള ചിലവിനാണോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: സാക്ഷാലുള്ള ചിലവുകൾക്കാണു്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: കീഴ്ജീവനക്കാരെക്കൊണ്ടു ഭീമമായ സംഖ്യ ചിലവുചെയ്യിച്ചശേഷം, നാമമാത്രമായ ഒരു സംഖ്യക്കു വരുച്ചർ എഴുതി പണം കൊടുക്കുകയാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഇങ്ങിനെ കീഴ്ജീവനക്കാരെക്കൊണ്ടു ചിലവുചെയ്യിച്ചശേഷം ഒരു നന്ദിവാക്കുപോലും പറ

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യാതെ പോകുന്നതായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ മേധാവികളെപ്പറ്റി മെമ്പർ ക്കറിയാമോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N KunjanPillai അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

President: Does the Honourable Member suggest that the appreciation must be expressed in the Gazette? Because the member is asking about transactions between the circuiting officers and subordinate officers, how can the Government say whether a particular voucher was dishonest or not? However, you have drawn the attention of the Government to this fact by the interpellation and I hope Government will take action on it.

Enhancement of the price of articles due to war.

219. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether, with the outbreak of the war, merchants have increased the prices of foreign goods?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is reported that merchants have slightly increased the prices of certain foreign goods after the outbreak of the war.

Subordinates in Pakuthi Offices.

220. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether Pakuthi subordinates are not working, on account of surrounding circumstances, for longer periods than the full-time officers in the public service?

Mr. K. George: The Government have no information.

Investigations about food stuffs.

221. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution recommending that an enquiry should be conducted as regards the foodstuffs used in each of the Provinces in India has been accepted by the Science Congress at its meeting held last year at Calcutta;

(*b*) whether Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy-elect of India, has observed that a special investigation should be made for this purpose;

(*c*) whether the Whitely Commission has recorded unsatisfactory remarks about Indian foodstuffs and has submitted proposals for improving the same;

(*d*) whether the Government of India have agreed in the Indian Legislative Assembly to make further investigations and researches on the matter;

(*e*) whether the Government of India have called for the opinion of all the Agricultural Departments of Indian States on the matter and requisitioned for their help; and

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